

**ABSTRACT****PIVOTAL PLANT PROTECTOR**

A string trimmer comprising an elongate shaft; a cutting head rotatably mounted on one end of the elongate shaft; at least one cutting member which extends from the cutting head and a barrier which is capable of being used by an operator to move vegetation away from a path swept out by the cutting member when it rotate characterised in that the barrier is pivotally mounted about a single pivot axis on the string trimmer and, when the cutting head is rotating in a flat position is capable of pivoting from a position above the path swept out by the cutting member to a position below the path swept out by the cutting member without passing through the path swept out by the cutting member.

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